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REMARKS			

1. Between 29 June and 12 July 1954, the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg was still occupied by about 200 air force soldiers, the chief of whom was [REDACTED]. One of the buildings housed an AAA unit of about [REDACTED] air force unit is to prepare the airfield for [REDACTED] furnish the ground personnel. An advance detail of about 30 officers who were trained pilots belonged to the air force unit. These officers had disapproved the runway and intended to leave the field on 9 July but they finally stayed. Reconditioning work on the quartering buildings was still under way. The kitchen equipment had not yet arrived. Meals were prepared in field kitchens. About 100 air force soldiers headed by a major were quartered in the Hans Schemm Schule. The personnel who did not belong to the unit occupying the Weisse Stadt were to furnish the guard personnel for the field. 1

2. The fuel dump at the field had not yet been filled. Fuel arriving in railroad tank cars was transloaded to tank trucks which were still unnumbered. Seven Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 were parked in the hangar. There was flying by these aircraft at irregular times. 2

4. On a few days between 28 June and 14 July, there was flying by biplanes. On 13 July, 9 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 were parked in front of the hangar. Between 2020 and 2150 there was night flying.

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Three aircraft and once four aircraft were observed taking off at intervals of 3 to 4 minutes for local flights of about 20 minutes duration. The southern part of the airfield could be entered as the field was not yet completely surrounded by a fence. Cattle were still grazing on a part of the field.

5. Between 28 June and 5 July, there was light air activity by Po-2s and Yak-14s.

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About 0530 on 30 June, a Po-2 took off and headed toward the east. At 1830, one Yak-14 took off and headed toward the southwest. Between 1000 and 1300 on 6 July, and between 0900 and 1300 on 7 July, 8 to 10 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 practiced take-offs and landings. The aircraft were parked on the large runway at a point about in line with the northern edge of Antonienhof. They took off from the short runway section leading from the middle of the main runway to the west. Three to 4 aircraft were seen aloft at the same time. The local flights lasted 3 to 5 minutes. 2

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6. About 1130 on 28 June, a column consisting of 4 platoons of 50 soldiers each who wore black-bordered blue epaulets marched from the direction of the airfield toward the Weisse Stadt. The soldiers carried field packs and were armed with rifles and fixed bayonets. Some of the officers carried map cases. No soldiers were quartered at the field. Personnel belonging to the field were quartered in the northern part of the Weisse Stadt mainly in the Hans Schemm Schule. About 2230 on 9 July, more than 50 percent of the windows in the northern part of the Weisse Stadt were lit. 1

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8. On 30 June and 3 July, there was no air activity at the field. The hangar was closed. A tank truck was parked in the eastern side of the hangar. The Weisse Stadt restricted area was occupied by an estimated 400 soldiers most of whom wore blue epaulets with air force insignia and some red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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9. On 7 July, 8 Po-2s were parked in front of the hangar. The personnel of the field were quartered in the Weisse Stadt and trucked to the field in the morning. In early July, Major Gonshekov (fnu) of the Kech office at Potsdam discussed with Herr Kobert (fnu) the improvement and reconditioning of installations in the Weisse Stadt. On 3 July, supply officer Major Koslov (previously referred to as Kaslov) (fnu) arrived at the Cranienburg construction headquarters in truck. On two days, Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov (fnu) arrived at the construction headquarters in truck.

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10. On 8 July, 6 Po-2s and 1 single-engine monoplane were parked in front of the hangar. Kobert (fnu), chief of the Cranienburg construction headquarters mentioned Major Koslov (fnu) as supply

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officer of a unit stationed at Weisse Stadt.

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1. Comment. There was no change in the occupation of the Weisse Stadt restricted area at Oranienburg. Major Gensherov is reported for the first time. The officers Kuleshov and Koslov were reported previously. Herr Kobert is chief of the construction headquarters at Oranienburg.

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2. Comment. The Po-2s which presumably belong to a training unit of the fighter division at Finow have been stationed at the field since early May 1954.

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